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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO JANUARY 25, 2006 FINAL OFFICE ACTION AND
NOTICE OF APPEAL**

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Sir:

This Amendment and Reply is responsive to the Final Office Action issued January 25, 2006, in connection with the above-referenced patent application. A response to the Final Office Action originally was due April 25, 2006. Applicants petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time, thereby extending the deadline to July 25, 2006. In view of this Petition and payment of the fee, this response is timely filed. A Notice of Appeal and payment of the accompanying fee also is enclosed. Accordingly, this application is currently pending.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this document.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 14 of this document. A marked-up version of the Amendments to the Specification per M.P.E.P. 714 is attached as an addendum.